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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q83564

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Appln. No.: 10/511,098

Group Art Unit: 1656

Confirmation No.: 9139

Examiner: H.A. Robinson

Filed: October 14, 2004

For: **EXPRESSION VECTOR, HOST, FUSED PROTEIN, PROCESS FOR PRODUCING
FUSED PROTEIN AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING PROTEIN**

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper is in response to the Restriction Requirement, dated September 26, 2006.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect Group I, claims 33-56 and 59-64 for examination on the merits. This election is made with traverse.

Applicants note that non-elected claims 57-58 are drawn to a fusion protein that can be produced by the process of elected claims 59-63. In view of this relationship, it would not constitute an undue burden on the Examiner to include non-elected claims 57 and 58 in the search that will be performed on the elected claims. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that claims 57-58 be rejoined at this time. In the alternative, Applicants requested rejoinder of these process claims upon allowance of product claims that include each of the limitations of the process claims.

Applicants further reserve the right to file a Divisional Application directed to non-elected claims 57-58.